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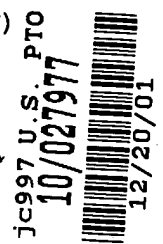


PATENT 4479C (CON)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. 4479C (CON)  
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Examiner: T. Vanoy  
Art Unit: 1754

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FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a Continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/156,697 filed on September 18, 1998, of Müller, et al., with a first Continued Prosecution Application filed on December 17, 1999 and a second Continued Prosecution Application filed on June 29, 2000 for METHOD FOR INCREASING THE LONG-TERM STABILITY OF EXHAUST SYSTEM CATALYSTS.

Copy of Prior Application as Filed is attached.

- X I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of what is shown in my records to be the above identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed.
- X The copy of the papers of prior application as filed which are attached are as follows:
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| <u>7</u> pages of specification (in English)         | <u>6</u> pages of specification (in German)                     |
| <u>2</u> pages of claims (in English)                | <u>2</u> pages of claims (in German)                            |
| <u>1</u> pages of abstract (in English)              | <u>1</u> pages of abstract (in German)                          |
| <u>0</u> pages of drawings                           | <u>10</u> pages of German Patent 19741315.3*                    |
| <u>5</u> pages of declaration and power of attorney. | *certified copy sent in parent application 09/156,697 on 1/6/99 |

Certification under 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this 37 CFR 1.53(b) request and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on December 18, 2001 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EM507976902US addressed to Box Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

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2. AMENDMENTS

☐ Preliminary Amendment

3. Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

Claims After Above Amendment

	Claims Filed		Extra		Rate	Basic Fee
						\$740.00
Total Claims	5	-	20	0	x \$18.00	0
Independent Claims	1	-	3	0	x \$84.00	0
Multiple dependent Claims (if any, one fee for all)	1	x			280.00	\$280.00
					Total	\$1,020.00

4. DRAWINGS

0 Pages of formal drawings are enclosed.

5. RELATE BACK

X Amend the specification by inserting at the beginning of the first line of the first paragraph,

"This application is a continuation of co-pending application Serial Number 09/156,697 filed September 18, 1998, <sup>now abandoned,</sup> for which a first continued prosecution application was filed on December 17, 1999 and a second continued prosecution application was filed on June 29, 2000."

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6. ASSIGNMENT

X The prior application is assigned to ENGELHARD CORPORATION, and Assignment was recorded in the USPTO on November 16, 1998 under Reel/Frame 9590/0416.

7. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

8. FEE PAYMENT BEING MADE AT THIS TIME

X Basic Filing Fee \$1,020.00  
X Please charge Account No. 05-1070 in the amount of \$1,020.00.  
X A duplicate of this request is attached.

9. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of the application to Account No. 05-1070.

10. POWER OF ATTORNEY

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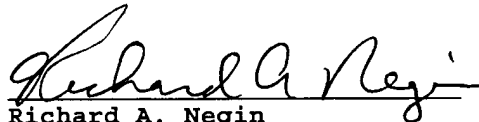
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